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Some Old Recollections Revived and De-

"I see," said Mrs. Bowser, as she sat reading the paper the other evening, while Mr. Bowser was trying to dig a peg out of his shoe-"I see that another Brooklyn man has run away and left his wife."
"Has, eh! Well, I don't wonder at it," replied Mr. Bowser.

"Did you read the item?"
"No, but I know how it all happened. He found out that he couldn't take a bit of comfort in his own home, and he left it No one knows the misery that poor man suffered before he took that step."
"It doesn't say he was unhappy."
"Of course not. No husband ever gets

justice, to say nothing of pity. I'll bet he suffered a thousand deaths before he walked away to die in some lonely spot by his own hand."

"Well, dear, you'll never be driven away by any act of mine," she said, as she went over and kissed bim.

"W-what in thunder are are you doing?" shouted Mr. Bowser, as he dropped the shoe

and sprang up.
"Why, I kissed you."
"Well, I don't want any one blowing into my ears or spitting on my chin! What struck you, all at once?" "There was a time, Mr. Bowser-there

was a time when"-"When what?"

"When you said that if I would kiss you you would be the happiest man in the whole world." 'Never! Never even hinted at such a

thing! I wasn't that sort of a noodlehead.' "Mr. Bowser! Why, there was for three months, while I was waiting to make up

my mind to marry you, that you said you could hardly live from day to day!" "Waiting! You waiting! Well, that is cool! That tickles me-ha! ha! ha!" he shouted, as he held his sides. "Yes, waiting."

"Why-ha! ha! ha! you said 'yes' so mighty quick you bit your tongue in doing it! The idea of me pining and wasting away because I feared you would say no?

"Do you remember the pet name you used to call me?" she asked.
"Pet nonsense."

"You called me your red wild rose." "Red wild pigweed! Are you getting soft in the head, Mrs. Bowser!" "It seems curious to me," she continued without noticing his sarcasm, "that when

a young man is courting a girl no one can make him believe that she is not a perfect angel. He can't work days nor sleep nights for thinking of her, and the sight of her a mile away sets his heart to beating like an engine."
"It does, eh? It might in the case of a

spoony young noodlehead, but it wouldn't with a sensible fellow. I never lost any sleep on your account."

"Nearly all your letters to me were dated anywhere from midnight to 4 o'clock in

in the afternoon, when I hadn't anything to do and wanted to use up haif an hour's time," replied Mr. Bowser.

"And every one of them speaks of how lonely you were, and with what joyous an-ticipations you looked forward to your next call." "Lonely! Joyous anticipations! I'd be apt to be lonely when there were a dozen

or more mighty good looking girls after me, wouldn't I?" "But in a few brief years after marriage how the average husband does change!"

are feeling badly why don't you go and make yourself some catnip tea?" "Do you remember that Fourth of July and love them.

"Affected me! What on earth are you

talking about?" "You took my hand in yours, Mr. Bowser, and you asked me to please try and

learn to love you.' "Never! If you'd swear to that on sixteen family Bibles I wouldnt believe it."

"You said that life was but a dreary waste to you before I crossed your path,

"I never did-never! never! never" he shouted as he sprang up. "No one but you ever charged me with being an idiot or a lunatic!" "Mr. Bowser, didn't you say that if I

didn't marry you you'd kill yourself?"

"No!"
"Didn't you once show me some baking powder in a pill box and tell me it was strychnine, and that you'd take it if I mar-

ried any one else!"
"Never! Never cared two cents whether you married me or not!" "And you deny that when father came

out one evening and threw you off the stoop and told you never to come back "Threw me off the stoop! Your father!

By the great hornspoon, but this is too much, Mrs. Bowser! Threw me! I'd like to have seen the whole caboodle of your relations throw me off a stoop!" "Perhaps you don't remember how you

used to compare my eyes to stars and tell me that it would be the one effort of your | Der Ulk. life to make me happy?"
"Eyes! Stars! The idea of my talking

any such bosh! I came home expecting to spend a happy evening in the bosom of my family, and you've gone and knocked it all over! That's the way with the tarnal women-always kicking and complaining about something."

"There was a time when you used to pet me, Mr. Bowser.

"That's it. Keep right on harping on that same old string! If a husband don't tells his wife forty times a day that she's his shining star she's ready to kick and make his home miserable. I may be driven The Direct Texas Route out any day now. I we seem to the last two years, but I was helpless. I'm going to lock up and go to bed. Good night, Mrs. Bowser!"—M. Quad in New York World.

What He Wanted.



He-Have you heard the news Yesterday morning Mary Dawson, jumped into her father's carriage and cloped with the

tion did we have today She-What's her father done about #? He. He has advertised, "Send back the porses and all will be forgiven."-Life.

The Fate of Many. Hampton-They had the most realistic death scene at the opera house last night

that I ever witnessed. Cason-That so? Hampton-Yes. You know, in the third act Bucher, who plays the part of the vil-lain, is supposed to be killed by a mob.

Cason-Yes Hampton-Well, last night the audience took the part of the mob.-Philadelphia

Business Caution.



Grocer-Did you charge Mr. Heyson with that pound of tea?

Clerk-Yaas, I'm sure I did. Grocer-Well, charge him over again; you can't, be too sure of a thing. -Life

Was in a Horry for a Messenger. roared, as he pulled down the lever for the pocket,-Harper's Bazar. district messenger call for the third time. 'It never works when a man's in a hurry.

Then he passed up and down the room, holding the letter in his hand, and saying about a week after he had moved into the unkind things about the instrument, the company and the boys. "It'll be too late sure!" he exclaimed, as

he pulled the lever for the fourth time, was a rooster here this orning with a bill "and if it is I'll sue the company for dam- for corn,"-Truth. ages. I'll teach 'em to keep their old machines in order if I have to go to the su-preme court to do it." Then he executed a war dance in front

of the instrument, and pulled the lever down several times in quick succession, Suddenly a happy thought struck him So de saying is, silence is gold. and he rushed to the telephone and called up the messenger office. "Why don't you answer my call?" he

"Have answered it," came the reply. "Well, it's about time," he exclaimed. "I've been working it for half an hour." "I know it," was the response. "What

is it—a funeral or a wedding?" "What!" "Oh, of course it's none of my business; but I wondered what you wanted of so many carriages. There are eight on the way over and I'm just starting the ninth." He rang off and ran to the call box. And now he wants to flud the man who shifted the indicator from "messenger" to "hack." -Chicago Tribune.

A Boy on Girls. Mark Twain considers the following the funniest (genuine) boy's composition he

ever saw: ON GIRLS. Girls are very stuck up and dignefied in their manner and behaveyour.
They think more of dress than anything, and berself.

"Yes, that's it. You hunted me down and got me to marry you, and now you are trying to make my home happy. If you are feeling badly why dow'r yn yn are feeling badl of boy's hands and they say how dirty. They can't play marbles. I pity them poor things. They make fun of boys and then turn round

"Do you remember that Fourth of July evening when we sat on the veranda?" she asked. "I shall always remember what you said that night and how much the situation affected you."

and love them.

I don't beleave they ever kiled a cat or anything. They look out every nite and say oh ant the moon lovely. There is one thing I have not told and that is they al-ways now their

Civil Service Examiner—You have passed a splendid examination, Mr. Complex; might I ask how you prepared yourself?

Mr. Complex—I made it a point to look on the complex of t lessons bettern boys.

Proof Positive.

"Are you sure he is dead?" asked the insurance agent of the widow of a deceased "Certain of it."

"What proof have I of it?" "There were twenty carriages at his funeral that I ordered myself."

"How does that prove his death?"
"Ah, sir! you didn't know him. If Tom had been the least alive he'd kicked at the expense, sure!"-Texas Siftings.

Weal Witty. "I say, Chawlie, Fweddy quite acquitted

himself at the Chinners' pawty the other night as a real humorist, doncher know." "Do tell. Quite funny, was he?" Yaas. Miss Chinner awsked him if he would venture on a peach, doncher know,

and he said he'd weally be awfraid he'd

woll off. He, he Ha, ha!"-Pittsburg Chronicle. The Good Natured Man. Wife-How is this? You apply for circulars and price lists to all the merchants and tradesmen in the town, and still you

have not the remotest intention of buying anything. Husband-Certainly not, but in these slack times I just want to give the poor fellows a little pleasurable excitement .-

"Overpressure."

Mother-Where are you off to, Hans? Hans-To school. Teacher is going to show us the eclipse of the moon tonight. Mother-Here, you stay at home. If your teacher wants to show you anything he can do it during school hours!-Gewerbezeitung.

Truly Conscientions. Toyshopman-Beg pardon, miss, but here's your change, which you'd forgotten

one and ninepence! Little Maid-Oh, thank you very much But we're not allowed to take money from anybody but grandpapa!-Punch.

A Medicine Hater.

Peasant (log.)-Let me alone with your medicine; why, only a week since I bought at the chemist's a bottle labeled "corn liniment." I have now drunk every drop and my corns are just as bad as ever!-Tagliche Rundschau,

Mysteries of the Toilet. Lady (to her maid)—Haven't you at last found the flowers which you have to put

find the bair. - Die Wespen. A Terrible Temptation. Fond Wife-Why so thoughtful, dear? Telephone 176 Will you get much if you cure that man? Sawbones - No; but it be dies I'll be sure

Matt.-Oh, ves, ma'am, but now I can't

to got my lift. His life; lesured -Life. Judged by Their Actions. Dearen Smith-What kind of a collec-

Parson Brone-A collection of misers, I

The Gander and the Ducks, Some Ducks were one day Enjoying

themselves in a pond of water when a Gander came down among them and put on such airs that the indignant Ducks finally cried out to one another

"Behold the Gander! He would have us Believe that he belongs to the Nobil-

'Ladies and Gentlemen," replied the Gander, with added Dignity, "I beg to Inform you that I have been Tracing my Genealogy back, and I find that I am di rectly Descended from the Eagle.'

"Ho! ho! ho!" cried the Ducks in chorus. "While it may be true that your Ancestors were Eagles, the fact remains that you are only a Goose!" and they fell upon him with beak and wing and drove him away. Moral-No man's great-grandfather pays his debts or makes him a gentleman. - New York World.

Colored Pride.

Some people can't stand prosperity. An old Texas darky, who by industry and economy had accumulated a fortune of sixty-nine cents, started a fish market in the public square. He had one catfish on the head of an empty barrel. A gentleman picked up the fish, smelt it and asked the "It am wuff one dollah."

"Whew!" "Frow down dat fish, sah, and leab my office, sah."-Texas Siftings.

Away, Away! Ponsonby-Is that Pompano coming this way, Arthur?

De Twiliger-Yaas Ponsonby-Let's dodge down the street. I have every reason to believe that he has "The devil take the old machine" he the first photograph of his first baby in his

He'd Noticed It Too.

"By George!" said Smithers angrily, country, "every biessed thing I meet seems to have a bill for something. "Yes," said little Johr 1y Smithers,"there

Proverbial Philosophy. Colonel Yerger-You understand that you must not say anything to my wife about my coming home late.

Sam Johnsing-No, sah; I understands. He gets a five dollar gold piece.-Texas Siftings.

True to His Instincts.

Doctor Bolus-Your husband is suffering from a low fever, madam. Mrs. Uppahkrust (indignantly) - Of course if he took a fever it would be a low one. Why dld I wed a parvenu?-Pittsburg Bulletin.

A Model Employer. Bookkeeper-Today Herr Meier, it is just twenty-five years since I entered your em-

Principal-All right, I understand; you wish to thank me for all the salary you have drawn during that time.--Dorfbar-

If you would be an interesting conversationist, find out what all the people are talking about, and then talk about some-thing else.—Boston Transcript.

Guide for Talkers.

The Part of Wisdom. Robby-How did the sphinx get the credit for being so wise, papa? Mr. Norris-By keeping his mouth shut for 3,000 years.—Life.

A Liberal Education. a splendid examination, Mr. Complex;

up and answer the questions asked me by my ten-year-old boy.-Truth. At the Horse Market. Dealer (to his son)-Joseph, just ride this

horse around for the gentleman.

pay.-Manuigfaltiges.

Joseph-Father, how must I ride, for buying or selling!-Schwarzwalder Bote. A Broad Hint. Principal-Before you sit down to write that letter, Jacob, go and wash your hands, else there will be extra postage to WAIT

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